GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:265
ANSWERED ON:17.12.2015
National Highways in U.P.
Raj Smt. Krishna

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of NHs under construction in various States including Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether the Government is aware of slow pace of construction work of NHs including Bareilly-Sitapur stretch, if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the timeline prescribed for completion of NHs, including the above stretch; and

(d) whether any monitoring committee has been set up to review the construction pace of NHs including Bareilly-Sitapur NH and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 265 ANSWERED ON 17.12.2015 ASKED BY SHRIMATI KRISHNA RAJ REGARDING NATIONAL HIGHWAYS IN U.P.

(a) 1,050 number of works covering a length of 31,945 km of National highways amounting to Rs. 212,875 Crore are under construction in the country out of which 66 works covering a length of 2575 km of National Highways amounting to Rs. 16781 crore are in Uttar Pradesh.

(b) The average pace of construction at present is about 16 km per day. The pace of construction of National Highways is affected due to various factors like problems in Land Acquisition, Utility shifting, Non availability of Soil/Aggregates, Poor performance of contractors, Environment/ Forest/Wildlife Clearance, ROB & RUB issue with Railways, Public agitation for additional facilities, Arbitration/contractual disputes with contractors etc. The work of Bareilly-Sitapur stretch has been delayed mainly due to above reasons and lack of liquidity and inadequate resource mobilization from the part of Concessionaire.

(c) Bareilly-Sitapur National Highway is targeted to be completed by 31st Dec 2016 as per Supplementary Agreement between NHAI & M/s Bareilly Highways Private Ltd., (a SPV of Concessionaire, M/s Era- SIBMOST) with mutual Consent has been signed on 30 Mar 15. The construction period is generally 2-3 years for public funded projects. Almost all ongoing works are targeted to be completed latest by 31st Dec, 2018.

(d) Regular Meetings of Infrastructure Committee headed by Minister for Shipping, Road Transport & Highways are being taken for removing the bottlenecks like land acquisition, utility shifting, non-availability of soil/aggregate, environment/forest/wildlife clearances, ROB & RUB issues with Railways, etc. Apart from this, regular review meetings are held with project developers, State Governments and contractors in Head Quarter by the review committee headed by Additional Director General as well as by the implementing agencies.

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